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(*c*) how many persons submitted tenders; and

(*d*) on what basis the tender was accepted?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The plans and estimates of the work were settled by the Chief Engineer and were not left to the discretion of the tenderers.

" (*c*) Thirteen.

" (*d*) The tender was accepted on the basis of the lowest price, technical features of machines, suitability of machines to the projects, reliability of equipment and also the firms' ability to provide servicing facilities and spares from their local station in Madras and also the facility offered by the firms to train departmental operators at spot for about six months free of charge to Government."

Construction of a bridge at Aniyara.

* 1786 *Q.*—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri E. T. Kunhan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether the Government have under consideration any proposal to construct a bridge at Aniyara on Edapal-Kanhiramukku road?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" No, Sir."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" Since the Government have a proposal to improve the condition of the Edapal-Kanhiramukku road, I would like to tell the Government that it will be of any use only if this bridge is constructed. May I know when it will be done? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" These proposals are under the examination of the District Board."

Construction of a dam across Chowdry canal.

* 1787 *Q.*—SRI N. RAMAKRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the villagers of Amarambedu village, Sriperumbudur taluk, Chingleput district, requested the Government in 1953 to construct a dam across Chowdry Canal with regulator and shuttering arrangements to feed the Amarambedu tank; and

(*b*) whether the Government have moved in the matter?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The Government examined the matter and decided that no action need be taken as the suggestion was not feasible."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" If the suggestion was not found feasible, have the Government thought of any alternative scheme of providing these villagers with water? "

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The source must be pointed out by the hon. Member. Then I shall consider it."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Questions over."